Bomb blasts in Mumbai

†2905. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has been held responsible for bomb blasts that occurred on 11th July, 2006 in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also sent proofs of this incident to Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indian peace-keeping troops In Lebanon

†2906. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian peace-keeping troops deployed in Southern Lebanon are facing serious challenges;

(b) whether in view of the threates, the Defence Ministry has asked its troops to limit their activities; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to withdraw troops from there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE JN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Government attaches paramount importance to the saftey and security of Indian troops deployed in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). It thus continues to emphasize this aspect in discussions with the United Nations authorities in New York, including with the UN Security Council and the UN Department of Peace-keeping Operations. However, the operational command of all troops in UNIFIL, including those of India, is with the United Nations.

(c) The Government is carefully assessing all relevant developments, including the provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1701 of

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